Telephone Connections under Shahadara Exchange

1463. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new connections released during the six months under the NOYT-G category in the Shahadra Exchange Code No. 228/229;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is an inordinate delay in installing new connections in the said exchange area due to rampant corruption and installation of new connections whose O.Bs have been issued are delayed/denied on one pretext or the other;

(c) if so, the number of such cases of delayed connections and by when the said connections are likely to be installed;

(d) whether Government have formulated any scheme for curbing such corruption; and

(e) if not, what effective steps Government propose to take to redress the grevances of the aggrieved customers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 1655 connections were released under NOYT-G category in the Shahadra Exchange during the last 6 months i.e., from 1-1-91 to 30-6-91.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Out of the 531 cases pending in this area, work for 104 cares is in progress and 34 cases are disputed cases for which notices have been sent to the parties. Remaining 393 cases are technically non-feasible due to non-availability of cable pairs in this area. The customers have been intimated in these cases individually. These technically non-feasible cases are likely to be cleared progressively by December, 1991.

(d) and (e) To curb the possibility of any corruption, a full-fledged Vigilance Cell is working in MTNL, Delhi, which carries out check of pending O.Bs etc. and also investigates individual complaints of delay.

Suicide by Indian Students at Moscow

1464. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Indian students committed suicide at Moscow Hostel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have ordered for any compensation to the parents of the students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government were informed by Indian Embassy in Moscow on 8th July 1991 that Shri Sanjay Shandilya and Kumari Shalini Goyal reportedly attempted to commit suicide on 6th July by jumping from the latter's fifth floor hostel room in Moscow. Subsequently, both, unfortunately, succumbed to their injuries.

(b) Report of the concerned Soviet authorities who are investigating the case is awaited.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There is no provision for payment of compensation in such cases.

DTC Buses for Outer Delhi

1465. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) wheher it is a fact that many residents in Cooperative Group Housing Societies' colonies in Outer Delhi are experiencing difficulties in reaching their